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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re : Chapter 11
Gawker Media LLC, *et al.*,¹ : Case No. 16-11700 (SMB)
Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)
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**EIGHTH MONTHLY STATEMENT OF ROPES & GRAY LLP OF
FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND DISBURSEMENTS
INCURRED AS COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION
FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

Name of Applicant: Ropes & Gray LLP
Counsel to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession

Date of Retention: July 14, 2016 (*nunc pro tunc* to June 10, 2016) [Docket
No. 101]

Period for Which Fees and Expenses are
Incurred: February 1, 2017 through and including February 28, 2017

Fees Incurred: \$335,817.25

¹ The last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the debtors are: Gawker Media LLC (0492); Gawker Media Group, Inc. (3231); and Gawker Hungary Kft. (f/k/a Kinja Kft.) (5056). Gawker Media LLC and Gawker Media Group, Inc.'s mailing addresses are c/o Opportune LLP, Attn: William D. Holden, Chief Restructuring Officer, 10 East 53rd Street, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10022. Gawker Hungary Kft.'s mailing address is c/o Opportune LLP, Attn: William D. Holden, 10 East 53rd Street, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10022.

Payment of Fees Requested (80%): \$268,653.80

Expenses Incurred: \$10,143.63

Total Fees and Expenses Due: \$278,797.40

This is a: X Monthly _____ Interim _____ Final Application.

Summary of Monthly Fee Statements Filed

<i>Application</i>		<i>Requested</i>		<i>CNO</i>	<i>Paid to Date</i>		<i>Total Unpaid</i>
Date Filed/Docket No.	Period Covered	Total Fees	Expenses	Date Filed / Docket No.	Fees	Expenses	Fees and Expenses
8/19/2016 Dkt No. 207	6/10/16 – 7/31/16	\$1,757,179.25	\$15,706.50	N/A	\$1,669,320.29	\$15,706.50	\$87,858.96
9/20/2016 Dkt No. 280	8/1/16- 8/31/16	\$1,175,380.00	\$22,299.24	N/A	\$1,116,611.00	\$22,299.24	\$58,769.00
10/20/2016 Dkt No. 368	9/1/16- 9/30/16	\$1,048,899.50	\$12,025.51	N/A	\$996,454.53	\$12,025.51	\$52,444.98
11/19/2016 Dkt No. 476	10/1/16- 10/31/16	\$896,071.00	\$27,194.56	N/A	\$716,856.80	\$27,194.56	\$179,214.20
12/20/2016 Dkt No. 634	11/1/16- 11/30/16	\$1,108,218.75	\$46,338.54	N/A	\$886,575.00	\$46,338.54	\$221,643.75
1/20/2017 Dkt No. 691	12/1/16- 12/31/16	\$657,004.00	\$15,674.93	N/A	\$525,603.20	\$15,674.93	\$131,400.80
2/16/2017 Dkt No. 767	1/1/17- 1/31/17	\$383,450.00	\$30,121.86	N/A	\$306,760.00	\$30,121.86	\$76,690.00
Totals		\$7,026,202.50	\$169,361.14		\$6,218,180.82	\$169,361.14	\$808,021.69

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Ropes & Gray LLP ("Ropes & Gray"), attorneys for William Holden, as Plan Administrator for Gawker Media LLC ("Gawker Media"), Gawker Media Group, Inc. ("GMGI"), and Gawker Hungary Kft. ("Gawker Hungary", and collectively with Gawker Media and GMGI, the "Debtors"), hereby submits this statement of fees and disbursements (the "Monthly Statement") for the period from February 1, 2017 through and including February 28, 2017 (the "Compensation Period") in accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [Docket No. 94] (the "Interim Compensation Order"). Ropes & Gray requests: (a) interim allowance and payment of compensation in the amount of \$268,653.80 (80% of \$335,817.25) of fees on account of reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Debtors by Ropes & Gray and (b) reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses in the amount of \$10,143.63 incurred by Ropes & Gray during the Compensation Period.

FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE COMPENSATION PERIOD

1. **Exhibit A** sets forth a timekeeper summary that includes the respective names, positions, department, bar admissions, hourly billing rates and aggregate hours spent by each Ropes & Gray professional and paraprofessional that provided services to the Debtors during the Compensation Period. The blended hourly billing rate of Ropes & Gray attorneys during the Compensation period is approximately \$921.63. The blended hourly billing rate of legal assistants during the Compensation Period is approximately \$358.44.

2. **Exhibit B** sets forth a task code summary that includes the aggregate hours per task code spent by Ropes & Gray professionals and paraprofessionals in rendering services to the Debtors during the Compensation Period.

3. **Exhibit C** sets forth a summary of expenses incurred and reimbursement sought, by expense type, for the Compensation Period.

4. **Exhibit D** sets forth detailed time records of Ropes & Gray professionals for the Compensation Period.

5. **Exhibit E** sets forth a complete itemization of expenses incurred by Ropes & Gray in connection with services rendered to the Debtors during the Compensation Period for which Ropes & Gray seeks reimbursement.

NOTICE

6. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, Ropes & Gray has directed Prime Clerk to provide notice of filing of this statement by hand, overnight delivery, or, if agreed to by the respective Notice Party (as defined in the Interim Compensation Order), by e-mail to an e-mail address designated by that Notice Party, on: (a) the Debtors, Gawker Media LLC, c/o Opportune LLP, 10 East 53rd Street, 33rd Floor, New York, New York 10022, Attn: William D. Holden (profinvoices@gawker.com); (b) the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10014, Attn: Greg Zipes and Susan Arbeit; (c) counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, 425 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10017, Attn: Sandy Qusba (squsba@stblaw.com) and William T. Russell (wrussell@stblaw.com); (d) counsel to US VC Partners LP, Latham & Watkins LLP, 330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2800, Chicago IL 60611, Attn: David Heller (david.heller@lw.com) & Latham & Watkins LLP, 885 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, Attn: Keith A. Simon (keith.simon@lw.com); and counsel to Cerberus Business Finance, LLC, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, 919 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, Attn: Adam C. Harris (adam.harris@srz.com).

Dated: March 20, 2017
New York, New York

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